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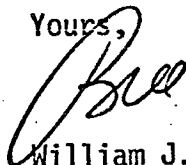
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Dear Leo,

I didn't fully understand the implications of the discussion you initiated about the intelligence assessment of Soviet economic difficulties. Apparently some of the members were saying that they had been hearing about Soviet collapse for a long time.

Nobody has predicted Soviet collapse or economic warfare. There is an effort to look more closely at the Soviet economy and its source and its relationship to the Soviet ability to maintain and strengthen the huge military machine and some skepticism that it is sensible for us to make it easier for them to do that. In that context I thought you would like to see the article on Soviet society in the June issue of the USSR Monthly Review.

Yours,



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